FISCAL NOTE

HB 977 - SB 1273

March 28, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the Department of Agriculture and the state from participating or establishing a mandatory or voluntary animal identification system.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures - \$55,800

Other Fiscal Impact - Decrease Federal Expenditures – \$278,900 \$141,900 One-Time

Assumptions:

- The Department of Agriculture currently has an 80/20 match cooperative agreement with the USDA in which the State provides \$334,700 for the implementation of the voluntary program that encourages livestock and poultry owners to register with the National Animal Identification System (NAIS).
- On July 1, 2007 the balance of the USDA Cooperative agreement will be \$141,900.
- Eliminates the NAIS. The positions that administer the program also would be eliminated.
- USDA would remove all federal funding if the state removes the matching funds.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director